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FROM COLONEL FIELDING LEWIS. ¹

Feb. 7, 1757.

Sir,

I received yours by Mr. Buchanan with the cash to purchase Mrs Buckner's Carpenter, but as I am apprehensive there is a mortgage or some other incumbrance as I well know that estate is much in debt, it will be prudent to act cautiously lest there should be any dispute hereafter. I have already inquired about the Carpenter and have been informed that he will be sold sometime hence, but who has the selling of him I know not, Shall be as speedy as possible in letting you know how I succeed.

Yours by Lieut. Williams I received with the cash inclosed. If I fail in the purchase of Buckner's Carpenter I will immediately send mine to your home to carry on your building till another can be got.

I am Your Most Humble Servt. FIELDING LEWIS. ²

John and his lady went from here yesterday on their way to the Bushrod's.

¹ From a copy, the original probably being one of many other autographs given away by Bushrod Washington.

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2 Colonel Fielding Lewis was born in 1736, and died at "Kenmore House," December, 1781. He married first Catherine Washington, cousin to George, and afterwards Betty, his only sister. The issue of the first marriage was three sons, and of the second nine sons and three daughters. The grave of Mary, the mother of Washington, is on what was then the Kenmore estate.